

A brief history of the first settlement and the ministers was given by the chairman which follows:

"Coming together as we do in memory of the early settlers of our township, and the families and ministers of the Clinton Baptist church, caused us to try to recall the conditions of those days when this country was nearly a wilderness.

"We do well to honor their names by erecting this lasting and natural flint conglomerate monument which represents their rugged and stable characters.

"Wayne county, as also Pike, was originally included in Northampton, but was set off, March 21st, 1798. One thousand acres were donated by M. Drinker for a county seat which was located at Bethany, May 15th, 1800. In 1841 the county seat was moved to Honesdale and located on land donated by the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, and the Torrey estate.

"Wayne County is honored as the place in which the first locomotive in America was run, the Stourbridge Lion at Honesdale, on Aug. 8, 1829.

"Clinton township was founded in 1834 from parts of Canaan, Mount Pleasant and Dyberry, the name being suggested by Judge Scott.

"The early settlers, mostly came from Connecticut. Among the first were Rev. Samuel West in 1808 and Robert Leary in 1809. In 1810, Levi Norton, David Gaylord, Rufus Grennell and S. E. North, with several others came and decided to locate in this vicinity. Levi Norton purchased a number of tracts of land, and in the next four years, with his wife, Olive

settled as per history of Winchester, and gathered an unmixed Yankee settlement around them.

"A number of families came and began the task of clearing up farms and making homes near where we meet today. Levi Norton built a saw mill near where Anson Wheeler's blacksmith shop was located.

"The Belmont and Easton turnpike was completed in 1821. A mail route was established from Easton to Mount Pleasant and the Mount Republic post-office was opened in the home of Uncle Alva Norton, which served the purposes of the community till about 1852. Weekly papers were eagerly received, but not by rural free delivery, or automobile transportation, mostly by a man on horseback.

"Time will only permit to give the names of the families and children so far as has been possible to get them at this date.

"Levi Norton and wife, Olive Wheeler, were the first representatives of that name; his children were Warren, Alva W., Sheldon, Clarrisa and Samuel.

Michael Grennell, his wife was Sanna Balcom, was a Revolutionary soldier, living to nearly one hundred and seven years and is buried in this cemetery. His children were Rufus, a Deacon as he was always called, Beulah, who married Horace Squires; Michael and Ovid.

"Sylvester E. North and his wife Amanda. No children; the first wife of Virgil Gaylord was their adopted daughter.

"David S. West came with his father, Rev. Samuel West, from New London, Connecticut, in 1808. He was married to Keziah Stanton in 1812. They built their first frame house in

*Horace Squire (1788-1857)  
was MESL's paternal  
grandfather.*